

Having thus described the preferred embodiment, the invention is now claimed to be:

1. A laminator comprising:
a housing;
means for applying at least one of heat and pressure to a lamination film whereby the lamination film is applied to an item to be laminated; and
trays pivotally connected to the housing which are movable between an operative position and a raised position, in which the trays extend upwardly, adjacent opposed sides of the housing.
2. The laminator of claim 1, wherein at least one of the trays defines a handle, whereby the laminator can be carried when the trays are in the raised position.
3. The laminator of claim 2, wherein both trays define a handle.
4. The laminator of claim 2, wherein the handle is defined by a slot adjacent a distal end of the at least one tray.
5. The laminator of claim 1, wherein the opposed front and rear sides of the housing slope inwardly toward an upper end thereof, such that when the trays are in the raised position, the trays are angled toward each other at distal ends thereof.
6. The laminator of claim 1, wherein the means for applying at least one of heat and pressure to the laminating film includes a pair of rollers which define a nip therebetween.
7. The laminator of claim 1, wherein the means for applying at least one of heat and pressure includes a heater for heating the lamination film.
8. The laminator of claim 7, further including a ready light carried by the housing for indicating to a user that the laminator has reached a sufficient temperature for lamination and a diffuser, mounted to the housing, for diffusing light from the ready light.
9. The laminator of claim 1, wherein one of the trays defines a cord wrap for receiving a power cord of the laminator.
10. A laminator comprising:

a housing;

rollers within the housing for applying at least one of heat and pressure to a laminating film to apply the film to an item to be laminated;

inlet and outlet trays mounted to the housing and movable between a horizontal operative position and a storage position, at least one of the trays defining a handle by which the laminator can be transported when the trays are in the storage position.

11. The laminator of claim 11, wherein each of the trays defines a handle and wherein in the storage position, the handles are closely adjacent such that they can be simultaneously grasped by one hand of a user.

12. The laminator of claim 11, wherein, when the trays are in the storage position, the trays are angled such that the trays approach each other toward distal ends thereof.

13. The laminator of claim 11, further including at least one heater for applying heat to the laminating film.

14. The laminator of claim 11, wherein the housing has a generally triangular cross section.

15. A method for laminating comprising:

lowering inlet and outlet trays of a laminator into an operational position adjacent a housing of the laminator;

positioning an item to be laminated on the inlet tray and feeding the item through the laminator housing;

receiving the laminated item on the outlet tray;

raising the trays to a storage position, in which handles of the trays are located above the laminator housing for grasping by a user.

16. The method of claim 15, wherein the trays are pivotally connected to the housing adjacent a first end thereof and slope toward each other at a second end thereof when the trays are in the storage position.